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WORKING GROUP AUGUST 14

1. SUMMARY. AFTER DISCUSSING US COMPARATIVE TABLE ON
ITEM 2.4 OF LIST, WG RAPIDLY MOVED THROUGH THREE ITEMS
ON LIST OF SUBJECTS AND ISSUES WITHIN ITS MANDATE WITH
DELEGATIONS PROPOSING THEIR DRAFT ALTERNATIVE TEXTS.

2. CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCED THAT ALTERNATIVE ARTICLES ON
TERRITORIAL SEA ITEMS 2.1 AND 2.4 HAD BEEN DISTRIBUTED.
CHAIRMAN SAID WORK PROCEDURE WOULD CONTINUE AS BEFORE.

3. UK STRONGLY ENDORSED COMPARATIVE TABLE (CONFERENCE
ROOM DOCUMENT 6) WHICH US HAD SUBMITTED ON ITEM 2.4
AND SUGGESTED SAME PROCEDURE BE FOLLOWED FOR NEXT ITEM.
SPAIN DISAGREED WITH UK AND STATED IT HAD SERIOUS RE-
SERVATIONS RE COMPARATIVE TABLE PRESENTATION AND
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CONTENTS. (REP POINTED OUT DEFICIENCIES FROM

SPAIN'S POINT OF VIEW). FIJI STATED TABLE WAS USEFUL BUT FELT IT DESTROYED UNITY OF FIJI'S PROPOSAL. TURKEY ESSENTIALLY SUPPORTED CHAIRMAN AND SPAIN EXCEPT FOR FACT SPAIN HAD NOT SUBMITTED ALTERNATIVE ARTICLES. ITALY GENERALLY SUPPORTED TABLE BUT SUGGESTED IT BE REVISED.

4. US POINTED OUT TABLE WAS INTENDED TO FACILITATE WORK AND COULD BE EXPANDED TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT EXACT TEXT OF RELEVANT PROPOSALS. REP SUGGESTED CO-SPONSORS OF INNOCENT PASSAGE ARTICLES GET TOGETHER FOR CONSULTATIONS. (DISCUSSION IN WG ENSUED WHICH LED TO CONCLUSION THAT WG WOULD LEAVE TABLE DISCUSSION AND MOVE ONTO OTHER ARTICLES).

5. AFTERNOON SESSION OF WG BEGAN WITH MEXICO READING PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE TEXT FOR ITEM 2.4. IN RAPID SUCCESSION, OTHER STATES EITHER READ THEIR PROPOSALS OR NOTED THAT THEY HAD SUBMITTED PROPOSALS WHICH SHOULD BE PLACED IN APPROPRIATE PLACE BY SECRETARIAT. (US ASKED FOR INCLUSION OF SECTION 3 OF 1958 CONVENTION ON TERRITORIAL SEA AND CONTIGUOUS ZONE CONVENTION EXCEPT FOR ARTICLE 16.4). WG THEN MOVED TO ITEM 4 (STRAITS USED FOR INTERNATIONAL NAVIGATION). US ASKED FOR INCLUSION OF ITS STRAITS ARTICLES AND OTHER DELEGATIONS ALSO SUBMITTED ALTERNATIVE TEXTS. WG THEN MOVED ON TO ITEM 16 (ARCHIPELAGOS) AND DELEGATIONS CONTINUED TO SUBMIT ALTERNATIVES UNTIL ALL WERE INCLUDED ON THIS ITEM.

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